

PETER MILLS.

FEBRUARY 29, 1840.

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Mr. RUSSELL, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Mills, praying compensation for the loss of a horse while in the military service of the United States, in the year 1833, make the following report :*

The petitioner was a private in the company of United States rangers, under the command of Captain Lemuel Ford, and was enlisted for one year, on the 29th day of June, 1832; he performed his tour of service, and was honorably discharged at Fort Gibson, on the 29th of June, 1833. While in the service, and "on a tour of armed duty," on the 25th day of May, 1833, the petitioner lost his horse, worth \$80, and his saddle and bridle, worth \$10, in consequence of a herd of buffaloes rushing among the troops and frightening the petitioner's horse, so that he was thrown from him; and the horse fled, and, though diligent pursuit was made, he was not afterwards recovered, carrying with him the saddle and bridle. This loss, the committee apprehend, is not one for which, in similar cases, the United States have ever granted indemnity; and, though the petitioner was a brave and meritorious soldier, the established and uniform practice which has prevailed in examining the claims of others similarly situated, should not be departed from, even for the relief of so meritorious a claimant.

The committee, therefore, offer for the consideration of the House the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.*

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The Russian, from the Government of Ginn, made the following

REPORT:

was Committee of Claims to whom was referred the petition of Peter Miller, a citizen of the State of New York, in the year 1833, under the following report:

The petitioner was a private in the company of United States rangers, under the command of Captain Samuel Ford, and was enlisted for one year, on the 20th day of June, 1832; he performed his tour of service, and was honorably discharged at Fort Gibson, on the 20th of June, 1833. While in the service, and "on a tour of armed duty," on the 25th day of May, 1833, the petitioner lost his horse, worth \$30, and his saddle and bridle, worth \$10, in consequence of a herd of buffaloes rushing among the troops and frightening the petitioner's horse, so that he was thrown from him; and the horse fled, and, though diligent pursuit was made, he was not afterwards recovered, carrying with him the saddle and bridle. This loss the committee apprehend is not one for which, in similar cases, the United States have ever granted indemnity; and, though the petitioner was a brave and meritorious soldier, the established and uniform policy which has prevailed in examining the claims of others similarly situated, should not be departed from, even for the relief of so meritorious a soldier.

The committee therefore offer for the consideration of the House the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

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